

Items of Interest.

—In Ohio the tax on liquor saloons has been increased from \$250 to \$350.

—The penitentiary at Santa Fe, New Mexico, now contains a Christian Endeavor Society.

—At the last communion at Sitka, Alaska, twenty-four persons joined the mission church.

—Washington's birthday was duly celebrated at London and all European capitals where there are colonies of Americans.

—The deepest gold mine in the world is at Eureka Cal., depth 2,290 feet; the deepest silver mine is at Carson City, Nev., depth 3,300 feet.

—A bill was introduced by Senator Herron, amending the statute of wills, so as to expressly make a typewritten last will and testament legal.

—Since the beginning of this century fifty-two volcanic islands have arisen out of the sea and nineteen disappeared. Ten of these islands are inhabited.

—Before the Revolutionary War the Bibles used in this country were printed in Europe, and at the time of American independence only two editions had been printed in the United States.

—On February 14th the Venezuelan Commission held its regular meeting at Washington. Its members expressed themselves as very much pleased with assurances that Great Britain would submit her evidence for consideration.

—Late reports from Cuba state that the new Captain General has arrived and many people are fleeing from Havana, where great alarm and distress prevail on account of lack of provisions. The insurgents still continue their devastation of the plantations, and the sugar crop will be almost entirely destroyed.

—The following is a list of the various editions of the Holy Bible published in America:—Eliot Indian Bible, 1663; Saur Bible, 1743; Henschman Bible, 1752; Aitken Bible, 1782; Thomas Bible, 1791; Collins Bible, 1791; Young Bible, 1791-92; Brown Bible, 1792; Berriman Bible, 1796; Hot-Pressed Bible, 1798; Carey Bible, 1801; Etheridge Bible, 1803; Yungman Bible, 1805; Kimber Bible, 1807; Thomson Bible, 1808; Clarke Bible, 1811; Bruce Bible, 1815; Baer Bible, 1819; Webster Bible, 1833; Harding Bible, 1843; Holman Bible, 1872; Holman Pronouncing Teacher's Bible, 1892; Holman Pronouncing Teacher's Bible, Bourgeois Edition, 1894.

QUARTERLY ANNOUNCEMENT.

DEAR FRIENDS:

We take pleasure in making our QUARTERLY ANNOUNCEMENT of Sunday School Supplies. The more so, because we are enabled to announce some very

IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS

in our literature for the second quarter of 1896. With these changes and improvements our quarterlies should take a place with the best standard "Helps" now published. Let us page through these quarterlies and see what we find.

1. **Editorial.**—On pages 1 and 2 will be found editorial matter, together with suggestions to teachers and scholars that will be helpful to Sunday School workers.

2. **Order of Service.**—On page 3 is given an entire new order of service, with "Aids to Devotion," intended to make the services of the school as spiritual as possible.

3. **Dictionary.**—Pages 4 and 5 are devoted to the definition and explanation of words, terms and phrases used in the quarter's lessons. This is a great help to teacher and scholar.

4. **Special Terms.**—On page 6 one column is given to an article on the "Kingdom of God," and one column to an article on the "Destruction of Jerusalem." These articles will be of special interest, the subjects being closely connected with the lessons of the quarter. Page 7 is given to a study of the book of St. Luke.

5. **How to Study the Lesson.**—This is entirely a new feature and will be found a very valuable part of the quarterly. Six whole pages, 8 to 14 inclusive, are given to this feature. Here will be given the parallel accounts of the lesson, the daily readings, the connection between the lessons, and valuable hints and suggestions that will be very helpful in the study and preparation of the lesson. The demand for a teacher's edition is fully met by this very valuable addition to our Quarterly. By this arrangement, the scholar will have the same chance to study as the teacher has.

6. **The Lesson.**—Pages 14 to 39 inclusive, will contain the lessons proper. The space on these pages is filled with just such information as the scholar and the teacher need. The following is an outline of the contents:

(1). Comments on the text, giving the proper interpretation and meaning of the text. (2). *Life Teachings.* These state the truths of the lesson, or in other words, it is the lesson *applied*. (3). The questions are made as practical as possible. (4). A few questions, including test questions, for the whole, are given. (5). Under the heading, "Some Things to Do," will be found five duties briefly stated—duties dropping directly out of the lesson. (6). The Golden Text, the Lesson Thought and three Key Words, on each lesson are given. The matter in these lessons is so arranged that teacher and scholar can grasp it at a glance.

7. **Review.**—The Review takes up two pages. The thoughts and truths and facts of the quarter's lesson, are so brought together, as to make the regular Quarterly Review one of the most interesting of all the lessons of the quarter.

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